GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Export of Agricultural Products
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agricultural produces of the country are exported;

(b) if so, the details of wheat, rice, spices and vegetables exported during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the total revenue earned from such exports during the said period;

(d) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding nonpayment of remunerative prices to the farmers for their produces and some traders making huge profit out of such exports;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(f) whether any corrective measure has been taken to provide benefit to the farmers in respect of the export and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) Yes, madam.

(b&c) The details of exports of wheat, rice, spices and vegetables, during the last three years and the current year, are as under:
Quantity: Lakh MT; Value: US $ Million

Commodity	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (P)		2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
WHEAT	55.72	1,569.03	29.24	828.75	6.14	150.59	0.85	20.44
RICE -BASMATI	37.54	4,864.69	36.99	4,516.28	40.45	3,477.35	7.50	584.81
RICE (OTHER THAN BASMATI)	71.48	2,925.05	82.78	3,336.84	63.74	2,307.81	10.57	379.51
SPICES	8.97	2,497.22	9.26	2,430.35	8.21	2,502.52	1.72	484.66
FRESH VEGETABLES	22.92	886.12	20.61	763.24	18.72	727.80	4.22	102.50

Source: DGCI&S, (P) − Provisional

(d) Department of Commerce has not received any such complaints.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

(f) The domestic prices of agricultural commodities depend on several factors such as demand and supply situation (both domestic and international), quality, price support operations etc. Thus, export is only one of the many factors which influence the prices realized by the farmers. However, wherever possible, the Government has taken steps to ensure that the farmers get remunerative prices for export oriented products. For instance, the Tobacco Board and the Spices Board have established e-auction platforms, for tobacco and cardamom respectively, where farmers are able to sell their produce through transparent, competitive bidding.
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